

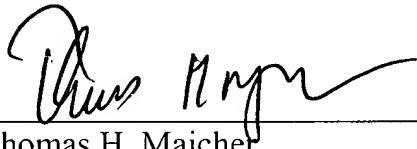
RESPONSE

Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement of September 23, 2003, received in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, FIGS. 1-5, for consideration on the merits. Currently, claims 1-11, 13, 14 and 21-26 are readable on Species 1. Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that claim 27 was presented in a Pre-Examination Amendment filed on October 19, 2001. In view of the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants have withdrawn claim 27 for consideration at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP

By: _____


Thomas H. Majcher
Registration No. 31,119

THM:mjm
Enclosures:
Return Postcard

Howard Hughes Center
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: (310) 824-5555
Facsimile: (310) 824-9696
Customer No. 24201